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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE TO EGYPT

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1. ON MARCH 12, EMBOFF MET WITH LT GEN HAFEZ, SEC GEN OF WAR MINISTRY, TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF NWC VISIT TO EGYPT IN MAY. HAFEZ SAID THAT MINISTRY HAD ARRANGED A VERY GENERAL TENTATIVE PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD BE FLESHED OUT AS PLANNING PRECEED. THUS FAR, PROGRAM WENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

DAY 1

ARRIVAL AT CAIRO AIRPORT AND RECEPTION BY DESIGNATED OFFICERS OF EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES. (HAFEZ SAID THAT PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCES WOULD BE FACILITATED TO ENABLE SOONEST DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT).

BRIEF VISIT TO ABDIN PALACE TO REGISTER IN VISITORS BOOK. (THIS IS PROTOCOLARY REQUIREMENT AND SHOULD TAKE NO LONGER THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES.)

REST OF DAY FREE. (EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR THOSE PERIODS OF VISIT WHICH HAVE NOT BEE SCHEDULED BY GOE. FOR DAY ONE, WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING VISIT TO ABDIN PALACE:

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A. REGISTRATION AT HOTEL

B. BRIEFING AT EMBASSY BY AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS
C. LUNCH - AT HOTEL OR OMAR KHAYYAM BOAT
D. VISIT TO SAQQARA AND PYRAMIDS OF GIZA
E. LATE AFTERNOON - FREE TIME OR VISIT TO MOSQUES, CITADEL
AND KHAN AL-KHALILI BAZAAR.
F. EVENING - RECEPTION GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR EILTS
G. DINNER AT SAHARA CITY.

DAY 2

MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES OFFICERS AT NASSER MILITARY
ACADEMY. HAFEZ SAID IT WAS PLANNED THAT MORNING WOULD BE
OCCUPIED WITH DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION, EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC
PLANNING, AND EGYPTIAN MILITARY STRATEGY, CONDUCTED WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS OF ACADEMY. HE SAID
THAT QUESTIONS POSED BY NWC GROUP WOULD BE ANSWERED AT THIS
TIME, BUT ASKED THAT WAR MINISTRY BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE WHICH
QUESTIONS GROUP WOULD POSE.

EVENING - RECEPTION AND DINNER HOSTED BY GENERAL KAMAL
MUNIR, COMMANDANT OF NASSER ACADEMY.

DAY 3

DEPARTURE.

2. GENERAL HAFEZ NOTED THAT NWC VISIT PROVIDED FOR ONLY ONE
FULL DAY OF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THAT IF NWC
COULD PLAN ON STAYING AN EXTRA DAY, WAR MINISTRY WOULD HAVE
TIME TO ARRANGE FOR VISIT TO SUEZ CANAL AND EGYPTIAN FRONT
LINES, AND FOR BRIEFINGS BY COMMANDERS IN COMBAT ZONES.

3. GENERAL HAFEZ SAID THAT GOE IN GENERAL AND WAR MINISTRY
IN PARTICULAR LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT INTEREST AND PLEASURE
TO ARRIVAL OF NWC GROUP IN MAY.
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